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CAPABILITY OF INDIAN SEZs
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been found to be less capable of promoting the country`s export vis-a-vis the SEZs of China;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted a comparative study on the SEZs of both the countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the current trade balance in Indo-Sino trade is in favour of China;

(f) if so, the details of exports to and imports from China during each of the last three years and the current year, quantitywise, item-wise, value-wise; and

g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve favourable balance of trade with China?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to(d) A study has since been commissioned, the terms of reference of which, inter- alia, include evaluation of the SEZs in India vis-Ã -vis SEZs in certain other countries, including China.

(e) &(f) The current trade balance in Indo-Sino trade is in favour of China. The details of export to and import from China during each of the last three years (value-wise) are given below:-

Values in US$ Million			
Years	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Export	6,759.10	8,287.48	10,828.78
Import	10,868.05	17,447.01	27,102.38

(g) In order to bridge the trade deficit, Export Promotion Councils and organisations like India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) are provided assistance under various market development and market access schemes of the Government to participate in fairs and exhibitions abroad, including China. Assistance is also provided for development of infrastructure under infrastructure development schemes.